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In re Application of:

SATOSHI NISHIKAWA, ET AL.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of that patent is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the cited application is also enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

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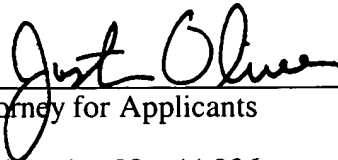
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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